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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of - )  
Claudio BOFFITO et al )  
Reissue Serial No.: 08/675,969 )  
U.S. Patent No. 5,408,832 )  
Filed: July 5, 1996 )  
For: THERMALLY INSULATING JACKET )  
AND RELATED PROCESS )

Group Art Unit:

Examiner: *Cappasela*

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
AND  
REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through the undersigned, bring the following two references to the attention of the Commissioner. Attached are copies of United States Patents, 5,532,034 and 5,505,810, both of which issued to Kirby et al and are assigned to Whirlpool Corporation. These patents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The enclosed Preliminary Amendment copies claims from these patents. Specifically, new claim 21 is a copy of claim 1 of U.S. Patent 5,532,034, and new claim 22 is a copy

of claim 1 of U.S. Patent 5,505,810. The Applicants, having copied these claims from these issued United States Patents, respectfully request that the Commissioner declare an interference.

Respectfully submitted,



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